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WE.O. 12065: GDS 2-20-85 (AMSTUTZ, J. BRUCE) OR-M

TAGS: PEPR, OECD

SUBJECT: (C) DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: BRIEFING GIVEN TO OECD
AMBASSADORS

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

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2. ON FEBRUARY 19, CHARGE GAVE 90 MINUTE BRIEFING AT THE
EMBASSY TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVEN OECD EMBASSIES
HERE. THEY WILL PROBABLY BE FILING THEIR REPORTS TO THEIR
FOREIGN MINISTRIES TODAY. TO ME, THE MOST NOTEWORTHY
OBSERVATIONS TO COME OUT OF THE MEETING WERE THE AMBASSADORS'

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GENERAL VIEW (SHARED BY US AND REPORTED ALREADY TO THE DEPARTMENT)

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THAT THE LEVEL OF OFFICIAL AFGHAN GOVERNMENT ATTENDANCE AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE AND AIRPORT DEPARTURE CEREMONY WAS NOT APPROPRIATE TO THE OCCASION AND, ALMOST INSULTING. AND THAT THE PRIME MOTIVE FOR THE DRA DECISION TO STORM THE ROOM WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY WAS PROBABLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CRUSHING DOMESTIC OPPOSITION AND NOT TO SAVE THE AMBASSADOR'S LIFE.

2. RE THE LEVEL OF DRA REPRESENTATION AT THE TWO CEREMONIES, THE OECD COUNTRY REPS SHARED OUR VIEW THAT THE GOVERNMENT DELIBERATELY INTENDED TO GIVE US AND THE AFGHAN PUBLIC AN APOLITICAL SIAHAL. IT WAS NOT LOST ON THE OECD COUNTRY REPS THAT THE MINISTER (BAREQ SHAFIEE, CULTURE AND INFORMATION), SENT TO THE AIRPORT TO REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT (AND LATER TO THE EMBASSY TO SIGN THE CONDOLENCE BOOK), WAS AN EXPELLED MEMBER OF THE POLITBUREAU AND ONE OF THE LOWEST RANKING MEMBERS OF THE CABINET. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT HAD THE SOVIET, CUBAN OR SOME EASTERN EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR BEEN ASSASSINATED, THE ENTIRE TOP LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TURNED OUT.

3. THOSE ATTENDING THE BRIEFING FROM THE SEVEN OECD EMBASSIES: WEST GERMANY, AMBASSADOR HOFFMAN AND DCM DISDORN; FRANCE, AMBASSADOR PERRUCHE AND CM BERTHOD; UK, AMBASSADOR CROOK AND DCM HOWELL; JAPAN, AMBASSADOR MAEDA AND DCM NAGASAKAI; ITALY, AMBASSADOR LO PRINZI; AUSTRIA, CHARGE KREUTEL; AND TURKEY, DCM DEMIRBAMG. AMSTUTZ

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